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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nobuyuki Kanno
Appl. No. : Unknown
Filed : Concurrently Herewith
For : DRIVE UNIT FOR ELECTRIC
MOTOR -OPERATED VEHICLE
Examiner : Unknown
Group Art Unit: Unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this application on its merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend Claims 1 through 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electric motor-operated vehicle comprised of a frame, a wheel journalled by said frame, an electric motor carried by said frame and having an output shaft, and a transmission for selectively driving said wheel from said electric motor output shaft or permitting said wheel to free wheel relative to said output shaft, said transmission comprising a planetary gear mechanism having a sun gear element, at least one planetary gear element meshing with said sun gear element, a ring gear element meshing with said planetary gear element and a carrier plate element supporting planetary gear element for rotation, said output shaft driving one of said planetary gear mechanism elements, another of said planetary gear mechanism elements being in driving relation with said wheel and a coupling element for